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F R E E

Sumpter planners recommend kosher/halal slaughterhouse request

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A former dog kennel will become a custom slaughterhouse if all goes well for new property owner Adil Almaliky of Dearborn Heights.

At the July 12 meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission, the commission held a public hearing and then voted unanimously to recommend approval to the township board for a special land use permit for the project, which is in a General Industrial zoning district.

The commission could have allowed the new business to have a gravel parking lot, but Commission Chairwoman Jane Stalmack said the commission wants to follow the ordinance's requirement for a hard surface parking area because that is what has been required for others.

Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Joy Cichewicz and Matthew Oddy. A new member on the commission is Tim Rush, who was present replacing Jay Bardell. Bardell's term expired and Supervisor John Morgan did not reappoint him, although Bardell said he wished to continue to serve.

The application for special land use was submitted for the 9.51-acre property at 50425 Bemis Road, the former site of The Pet Resort. It is just east of Fox Auto and the Norfolk & Southern railroad is on the east and south borders of the property.

The existing primary structure is about 1,460 square feet, which will be used as office space, a processing room, and a lounge area.

Attached to the primary structure is a structure of about 876 square feet, which will house the slaughter room. The structure is covered with a 40x60' roof with the perimeter of the area fenced for use as a stock yard. There will be a walk-in freezer big enough to hang 20 carcasses.

Almaliky said he wants to use the property for a custom USDA slaughterhouse to serve

the kosher/halal needs within the township and surrounding area. He said all livestock will be selected from local farmers and livestock auction -- hormone free, grass fed and all natural. American lamb, cattle, sheep, goat, and chicken will be sold and processed.

Customers will visit the site and select an animal of their choice. Once processed the meat will be packaged and given to the customer. He said in the future he would like to sell wholesale to restaurants.

He said you cannot mix poultry with other animals on the same day.

Customers will be able to arrange to have the animals they raise slaughtered and processed, he said.

Tyler Lasser of Carlisle Wortman filled in for Christopher Atkin the township's

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MDOT delays start of pedestrian walkway construction to June 30

Van Buren Township has been informed that the Michigan Department of Transportation has delayed the start of work on the pedestrian bridge along Belleville Road over I-94 until Monday, July 30.

The project originally had been planned to begin Monday, July 16. The work still has a November completion date.

Wayne County crews, meanwhile, have resurfaced Bemis Road from Renton to Savage/Haggerty roads, the small section of Bemis left uncompleted in last year's work on Bemis.

Also, Wayne County has announced it will be resurfacing Savage Road from Harris to Gentz roads this season.

Work on the long-closed bridge over the Huron River in New Boston is expected to start soon and be done by November.



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A man launching a boat at the DNR east launch on Belleville Lake July 7 didn't realize it wasn't put in park and sunk his trailer and GMC truck, which was a rental.

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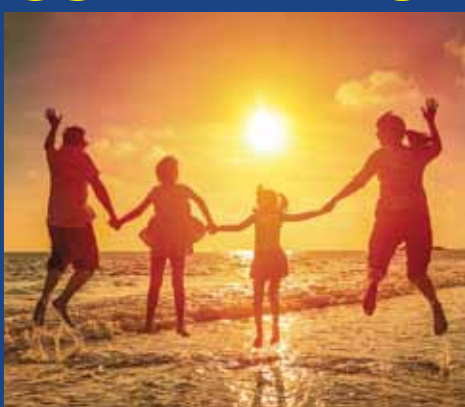
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Library construction delayed by disagreement of engineers/lawyers

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library on July 10, the library's architect Dan Whisler gave a long report on the disagreement between the city's engineer and the library's engineer and lawyer that is on the cusp of delaying construction and costing taxpayer money.

As long as workers are on the site they have to be paid, he said.

Whisler said there are issues between the city's engineer, Hennessey, and the library's engineer, Beckett and Rader.

He said a final plan for the library construction was given to the city two months earlier and the library team got a letter of approval from Hennessey.

Whisler said the engineer of record had designed the project according to the City of Belleville standards, but there was a problem with the liability for the engineers dealing with this.

So, there was a modification sent to the city that was rejected. Other options were sent to the city, Whisler said.

"What the [city] engineers want is eight more sets of the drawings with this new language on each set," Whisler said.

He said library board Chairwoman Sharon Peters and library Director Mary Jo Suchy met with the city manager and the building official and let them know the Belleville Area District Library would certify the plans.

Whisler said the library develops the construction drawings and the city issues the building permit once the plans meet the ordinance.

Hennessey has reviewed the plans and the design is approved with the caveat "if they missed something, the project will still meet all their standards," Whisler said.

He said it is a catchall to state this project will comply with the engineering standards.

The reason it is onerous, according to Whisler, is that the requirement was written in all capital letters and required Beckett and Rader to conform to all standards as approved by Hennessey.

He said Hennessey's standards aren't published. They have given the library engineers their standards and drawings, "but we have no way of knowing if these are all of their standards."

He said the library engineers could certify that the project complied with the standards provided to it on the day of design, but that was rejected.

"This project is a 20-month project," Whisler said. "They can change standards at any time. The city could make the library

City, library agree on solution to certification disagreement

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Building Official Rick Rutherford reported that there was "a good, productive meeting" between representatives for the city and the Belleville Area District Library earlier that day and they agreed to an acceptable solution to a disagreement that had threatened to hold up construction of the new library.

He said the Wayne County permits for underground sewers came in on Friday, clearing that hold up, and then the certification agreement came Monday morning on the wording to be on the site plans.

Rutherford said they agreed to a proposal by the library to certify the plans and the wording will be put on each of the eight copies of the site plan that the city received.

comply with new standards. We don't want the library to come back to us and say, 'You said you'd comply with standards.'"

Whisler said their professional insurance company has gotten involved and, "They've engaged an attorney for us."

"If the project is delayed, it can cost money," Whisler said, due to what is on paper and posturing.

"Our professional liability insurer won't let us do that," Whisler said. "We are insured against negligent acts ... Our insurance would not cover that we went beyond the standard of care."

"We can't comply, the city engineer is refusing to budge, and we're trying to find a solution," Whisler summarized.

He said O'Neal Construction wants to start and hold a preconstruction meeting with the city and various trades. But Hennessey is refusing to schedule the meeting until they have eight copies with the required wording on each one.

Whisler said Hennessey said this is language they have used for 17 years in Southeastern Michigan and, "That may be true."

"It's a control issue set up by Hennessey and it's costing us money?" said board member John Juriga.

"It's on the cusp of that," Whisler replied. "We have a greater sense of urgency."

Whisler said he met with Director Suchy and library attorney John Day the previous Friday to talk about how to address this. He said Day met with the city's attorney.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Victor DeLibera, Belleville High School Class of 2018, recently installed his Boy Scout Eagle projects at Tyler and Savage Elementary Schools. Victor said his projects are little, free libraries made so the community can trade books at these posts and "help children in our town become more literate." This library at Tyler is in a Dr. Seuss style with a sloped roof, a crooked door, and a flower pot on the side. The Savage version is in a different style. Victor belongs to Boy Scout Troop #793 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. He hoped for an appointment to the Naval Academy this year, but that didn't come through. He will be attending Missouri University of Science and Technology this fall and planning for the Naval Academy next year. He called himself a D.S. -- determined student. Victor is the son of Margo and Victor DeLibera.

James Chapman to face new driving while license suspended charge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 58, recently was released from the Wayne County Jail about half way through his six-month sentence after being found guilty of jumping into Belleville Lake instead of obeying a Van Buren Township police officer's command to stop.

He posted a \$10,000/10% bond for his freedom.

Because he was in jail, Chapman had not shown up at 34th District Court on June 26 for his scheduled arraignment/pretrial on a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended in Sumpter Township on March 15.

His court date was scheduled for 9 a.m., June 26 before Judge David Parrott. At a previous court session, the Sumpter prosecutor had asked for the court date on the charge to be adjourned until June 26.

When Chapman failed to show up, Judge Parrott signed a bench warrant for his arrest.

He was arraigned July 3 on the DWLS charge and a court date of Aug. 28 was set.

Chapman had been serving a six-month sentence in the Wayne County Jail and was incarcerated March 22 after being convicted by a jury of assaulting, resisting, obstructing a police officer on June 13, 2016 in Van Buren Township.

He is seeking to appeal that verdict.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT to buy DNR parcel for \$20,000

It was a great price. Three acres on the lake for \$20,000, plus a \$2,000 transaction fee. When the library wanted to build at the same site, north of the Belleville Bridge, the cost was more than \$300,000.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it was such a good deal for the township he wanted to take the Michigan DNR up on it immediately.

It was discussed in a closed-door session on Monday afternoon and then put on the Tuesday agenda for action. The board voted unanimously to buy the property.

When questioned on what would be put there, McNamara said that would be determined in the future by the board.

Trustee Paul White reminded McNamara that on several public occasions he has said he wanted to put a lake house there that would cost \$8 million. At an event at Wayne County Community College he showed a drawing of the lake house on the property.

McNamara agreed he had said that and it wouldn't be taxpayer money that would build such a building, but now there is a question on whether traffic at that point is too dangerous for a curb cut to access Belleville Road and whether a traffic light for pedestrian crossing is feasible.

He said it may end up being a park where you can only walk to, with no parking. Maybe with just a few picnic tables. "It's going to be a beautiful park no matter what it is," he said.

Resident John Delaney warned the purchase was "a big mistake" and the board needed to stop spending money.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The schedule at 34th District Court has changed because of the large number of cases that go through the court weekly.

Now, all felony preliminary exams are in the morning with the judge that is handling it that week, and the probable cause conferences, the first step in the criminal legal process at court, are handled at 12:30 p.m. or thereafter by the new Magistrate Lisa Martin. She's been in training with a judge or other magistrate at her side for the past few weeks, but she's doing great and will be on her own soon to help with the cases.

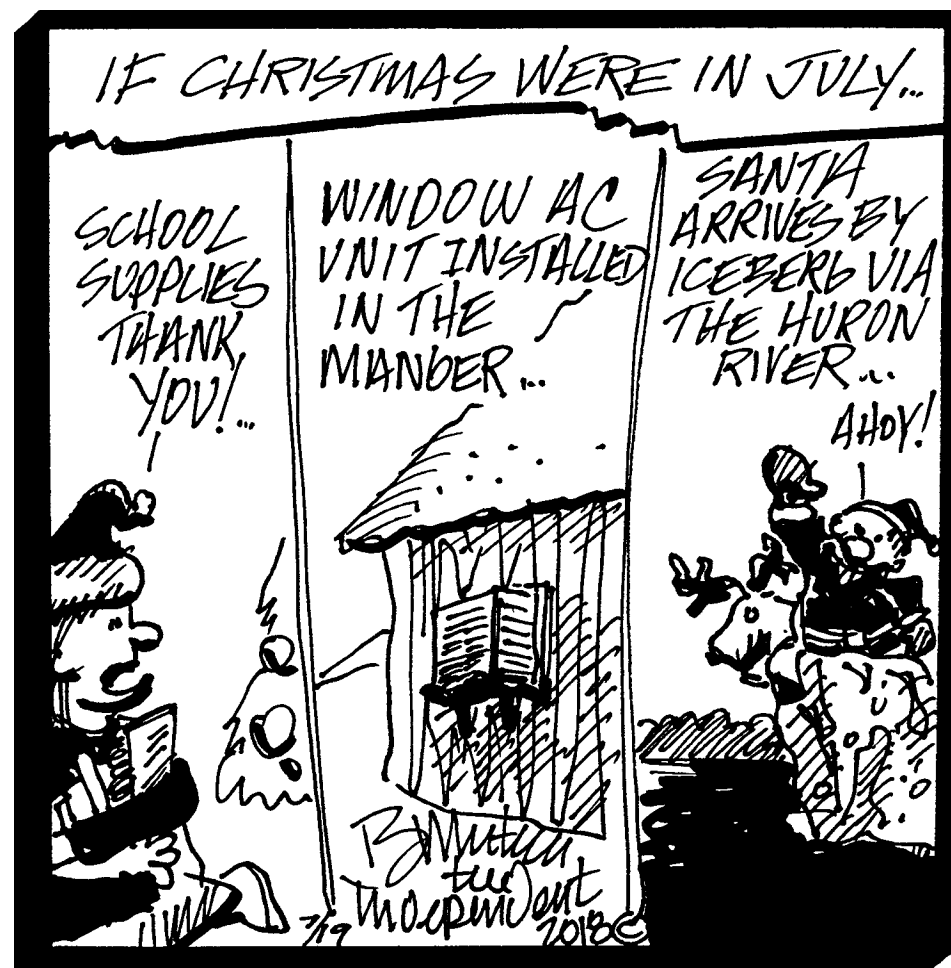
It's hard to get used to by those of us who were used to everything being handled by the judge starting at 9 a.m. until whenever we ran out of cases.

I asked Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green how the new schedule was working and she said it was too soon to tell. That is a very, very busy courthouse.

Hopefully, the new courthouse, now under construction, will help with the flow of cases to that court, which includes Metro Airport and all the many people who carry firearms or other weapons into the sterile area. They get off pretty easy, with a \$500 or \$600 fine and a delayed sentence for six months or so. If they behave for six months they get their firearms back and nothing on their records.

Apparently, the downtown Belleville car show was cancelled on Monday because of a storm that went through, but the Farmers' Market went on.

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees,



there was a presentation by a smooth-talking salesman for a publishing firm that apparently had a deal all sewed up with the township to put out a promotional publication four times a year.

Advertising in the slick magazine would be sold to local businesses at one price and any township stories would be half the cost of the other advertising, with the supervisor getting a half page free to write his special message to the public.

The estimated cost to the township is \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year and Supervisor McNamara said the \$10,000 is already in this year's budget.

These stories in the magazine would all be positive spins on the township. McNamara said he wants to grow the township from 30,000 population to 50,000 and this will help.

The magazine will be mailed to all postal patrons in the township, but there is some question about the apartment complexes and whether all residents would get a copy, since there is just one address. It will also be dropped at hotels and motels for visitors to see.

The Downtown Development Authority has committed to four paid pages and the Public Safety Department has committed to one page from its budget.

In time, this could replace the Lake Ledger, but not right now. It's a huge public relations campaign, they said.

McNamara said this won't infringe

on the local newspaper by taking away advertising, but we doubt that since businesses have advertising budgets and can only stretch them so far.

But, we've decided not to whine about this and see what happens.

This won't be coming to a vote so McNamara is likely to sign the deal with the firm. He said if the board tells him not to do it, he won't, but they didn't tell him that.

The developer who wants to build on the 79-acre Harold Smith farm in Denton is a mystery. The project is called "Pancake" and at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Planning and Economic Development Director Ron Akers said it was dubbed "Pancake" by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The township didn't give it that name.

Supervisor McNamara said at Monday's work/study session that he would be going to Lansing on Aug. 28 for economic decisions on the project.

The project is secret because they don't want the competition to know, but it will be revealed by the Aug. 8 planning commission meeting since the rezoning was approved Tuesday.



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Letters

Christmas in July program for FMAR

To the Editor,

Professional storyteller and Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Fundraiser, Linda Luke, is inviting you to experience Christmas in July at 7 p.m. on July 29 in Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road.

Trinity has generously donated their church free of charge to host Linda telling, "The Christmas Story." This is the traditional Christmas Story punctuated with the characters' thoughts and feelings from the time of Mary's conception to the birth of Jesus.

Trinity soloists and pianist will add Christmas music to create an hour-long program. The event is free with the hope that listeners make a donation to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, the local no-kill, non-profit operating in Sumpter Township.

Medical expenses for the animals this past winter surpassed the usual. Results were successful as you can see in our adoption rates. Of the 181 dogs FMAR took in, 178 were adopted. Of the 229 cats FMAR took in, 209 were adopted.

Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends to help us celebrate Christmas in July. In these troubling times we are living in, it may help to stop to think about giving, forgiving, and opening our hearts, even if "the inn is full."

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this offer. We hope you join us to let the spirit of Christmas invade your summer.

The Board of Directors
 Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

1st-Annual Ryan Fitzpatrick golf outing

To the Editor,

Please join us Saturday, Aug. 4, at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course for the 1st-Annual Ryan Fitzpatrick Golf outing to honor the memory of our son, our brother, our friend, and our loved one.

Ryan was an amazing, caring young man with so much life ahead of him. He was always helping others, always cracking jokes and smiling no matter where he was. He brought light to any room he entered.

In Honor of Ryan we would like to bring awareness to Suicide Prevention and celebrate a life taken from us prematurely. The outing starts with check-in at 8 a.m., then a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with an 18-hole scramble. Free lunch will be provided

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There will be prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, skins and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$100 per person or \$400 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships and cash donations can also be made.

For more information Please contact Josh Brice at (734) 223-7992 or fitzpatrickmemorialouting@gmail.com.

All proceeds will go towards shedding a light on the awareness of Suicide Prevention.

Marc Littleton
 Van Buren Township

If your child needs a tutor, see Paul Smith

To Families Seeking Out Educated Tutors,

Our daughter has been tutored for about two years by Paul Smith. Paul lives in Belleville and was a teacher within our Belleville schools. He has now retired.

I asked around to some friends and his name was mentioned, so we called him and did a meet and greet which went great! He has been tutoring our daughter ever since.

Our daughter struggles in math and writing. She started with him when she was in fifth grade and she will be entering seventh this fall. He has been excellent with her. They meet after school two times a week and then we continue in the summer, as well. It really helps her stay actively involved in math and writing to get ready for the next year.

She went from being an average B student to getting straight A's this past year. He understands her weaknesses, her attention span, and works with her so patiently and kindly. He truly has been a blessing to our daughter and we HIGHLY recommend him to any families out there whose children are struggling and need some extra work outside of school. He works wonderfully with children and has gone the extra mile with ours. He even has contacted our daughter's teachers to get extra work assignments and such, as well.

Just a great guy and a wonderful addition to our daughter's education. Thank you, Mr. Paul Smith, for all you do for our daughter! Please contact him at (734) 604-6090 if your child is struggling and needs an extra push. I promise you, you will not be dissatisfied!

Sean & Angie McCluskey
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Birthdays

June 16 – Ariana (Ana) Mitchell
 July 19 – Autumn Warren
 July 20 – Mary Jones Kobish
 July 22 – David Mitchell, Jr.
 July 25 – Paula Cripps, Tom Hardin
 July 26 – Marsha Bogardus
 July 28 – Eileen Graham
 Aug. 15 – Nicholas Mitchell

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Obituaries



Joyce Maxine Bake

JOYCE MAXINE BAKE

(January 22, 1934 – July 13, 2018)

Joyce Maxine Bake (Hayward), age 84, of Willis, MI, died peacefully with her family by her side on Friday evening, July 13, 2018.

A long-time Willis resident, Joyce was a member of Willis Baptist Church for over 40 years. During her time she served in many ministries. She was a teacher who was self-taught in sign language and used it to minister to the deaf. She taught Sunday school for toddlers and many mentally disabled Bible studies in various group homes and church. She loved to see children in church and would use her own personal van to transport children to and from church and Vacation Bible School.

She was a cake decorator, and worked at Chrysler in Ann Arbor, until she decided to open a group home for mentally disabled. She ran the home for 28 years. She always loved the least of these.

Joyce is the beloved wife of the late William (d.2009); loving mother of Judyann (Harold) MacArthur of Belleville, Janet (Gene) Dudley of Romulus, William (Debra) Bake of Alpena, Linda (Bill) Taylor of Florida, Johnny Bake of Ypsilanti and Joseph (Debra) Bake of Willis. Mrs. Bake is also survived by twelve grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren; siblings Shirley Hayward of Clinton, Don (Kay) Hayward of Lapeer, and Robert Hayward of Kentucky. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her son, Tommy (d.1960), grandson, Paul (d.2013) and brother, Irwin (d.1990).

She loved her family dearly with her heart that was as big as the moon. She also loved her Lord and Savior and would share of it as often as she could. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

A funeral ceremony was held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Willis Baptist Church, 8687 Bunton Rd., Willis, MI 48191. Interment followed at Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 until 8 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, 734-697-4500.

In lieu of customary tributes, memorial tributes may be directed to The Open Door or the Willis Baptist Church.

JEFF DROTAR

(May 11, 1981 – July 13, 2018)

Age 37 of Belleville. Survived by daughter Jada Kerry Drotar; parents William and Lisa Drotar; brother Ryan; grandmothers. Memorial service to be held at later date. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.

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JAMES H. HICKS

(March 13, 1947 – July 10, 2018)

Age 71 of Belleville. Survived by wife Evelyn; daughters Gerri and Sherry; 4 grandchildren; great grandson; three siblings; stepfather Wayland VanZandt. Services held July 14 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel. janowiakfuneralhome@comcast.net

CARL HENRY PITTELKOW

(December 8, 1952 – July 16, 2018)

Age 65, of Belleville, died Monday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Brother of Lena Herrmann of Belleville and Robert Pittelkow of South Carolina. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 19** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Yellow Room Gang. Free.

• **Saturday, July 21** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Van Buren Eagles. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.

• **Sunday, July 22** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Southern Xpress. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734)

223-4824.

• **Monday, July 23** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Monday, July 23** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will host a coffee hour for constituents at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

• **Tuesday, July 24** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.

• **Wednesday, July 25** – Attend Pop-Up Storytime at Village Park, 660 Savage Road, Belleville, at 11 a.m. Stories, songs, rock painting. Bring a lunch for a picnic after the event. Free.

• **Wednesday, July 25** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.

• **Thursday, July 26** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Robert Jones/Matt Witroba. Free.

• **Thursday, July 26** – The Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Unit will visit Wayne County Community College campus at 9555 Haggerty Rd. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 26; Friday, July 27;**

and **Saturday, July 28** -- The public is invited to the 7 p.m. weekend revival services at Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty Street, Belleville.

• **Saturday, July 28** -- Belleville Community Band concert at 7:30 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Free. Donations accepted to help support the band. (734) 699-6350

• **Sunday, July 29** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Dave Holloway Karaoke. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

• **Monday, July 30** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, Aug. 2** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by The Raisin Pickers. Free.

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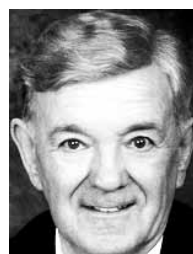
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Obituaries



Robert Charles Murray

ROBERT CHARLES MURRAY

(January 22, 1929 – June 19, 2018)

Age 89, died peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor, June 19, 2018.

Bob was the beloved husband of the late Naomi (d.2012); loving father of Catherine (Richard II) Berger of Colorado and Carol (James Jr.) Buelow of Oakland, MI; cherished grandfather of James III (Jennifer) Buelow, Jeffrey (Rebecca Midles) Buelow, Phillip (Paige Vance) Beckert, Jr., Elizabeth (Josh) Bocks and Audrey (Chris) Darland. Mr. Murray is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends. Mr. Murray was born on January 22, 1929 in Milan, Michigan to Jacob and Elizabeth Mary Murray. Following his graduation from High School, Bob proudly served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany, which gave him opportunity to enjoy his German heritage that he was so proud of. Later, he retired from Chrysler Automotive after forty-five years of service. He was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, but also enjoyed attending services at Belleville Presbyterian Church. In his spare time, world wide travel, watching movies on a weekly basis, playing tennis, reading, painting and paddle boating on Belleville Lake were also favorite past times.

A Memorial Service honoring Mr. Murray's life will be Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, 300 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti. Pastor Keith Geiselman will officiate. A Luncheon will immediately follow in the Church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Milan Area Historical Society or Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.
(<https://www.parkinsonsmi.org>)

EDWARD GAMMAGE

(February 15, 1969 – July 10, 2018)

Age 49, of Ypsilanti, died while on vacation in Belize. Survived by wife Catherine; daughters Isabella, Veronica, Audrey; father Edward; brother Richard. Memorial service was July 18, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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IRIS DORENE MAYS

(November 14, 1940 – July 14, 2018)

Age 77, of Ypsilanti. Survived by son Ira (Cindy); daughter-in-law Maria; step-daughter Janice; 3 grandchildren; great grandson; sister Lois. Memorial service 6 p.m., July 19 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Buddy Ross Hamrick

BUDDY ROSS HAMRICK

(April 14, 1946 - July 11, 2018)

Age 72, of Van Buren Township. Died peacefully at his residence with his family at his side, Wednesday afternoon, July 11, 2018.

Buddy is the beloved husband of Debra for two memorable years; dear father of Kim Wheeler of Ann Arbor, Lisa (Paul) Navetta of Indiana and Douglas (Valerie) Hamrick of Florida. Mr. Hamrick is also survived by his twelve grandchildren; brother, Daryl Hamrick of Belleville, and sister, Donna (Bernie) Dusseau of Texas.

Sadly, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry and Jan Paul.

Mr. Hamrick was an active member of the Belleville Loyal Order of the Moose #934, Van Buren Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3996, and The Huron Valley Conservation Club. He also truly loved spending time with his family and enjoyed being outdoors.

Funeral services were held at 11 AM, Friday, July 13, 2018 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, Tel.: 734-697-4500.

The Hamrick family greeted guests from 10 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Arbor Hospice.

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Ellen Sue DeFrank

ELLEN S. DeFRANK

(February 27, 1954 - July 10, 2018)

Ellen Sue DeFrank, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away peacefully at her home Tuesday, July 10, 2018, surrounded by family. She was born February 27, 1954 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Melvin Louis, and Bill & Lois (Bellere) Morris.

Ellen was a long-time area resident who retired from FedEx as a driver for many years. She loved people. She was active in the Moose, Eagles, React Group and enjoyed bowling. Most of all, family was everything to her.

Survived by son Paul (Tamara) Wissmueller of Livonia, MI; daughter Michelle (Chad) Chute of Westland, MI; 6 grandchildren: Madison, Brendan, Emily, Kyle, Logan and Liam; her mother Lois Morris of Adrian, MI; five siblings: Lynda Thompson, Cheryl (Carl) Szymanski, William (Nancy) Morris, JoAnne (Jack) Eggenberger and Elizabeth Morris; also many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ellen was preceded in death by her father Melvin Louis, step-father Bill Morris, and brother Randy Louis.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Friday, July 13, 2018 with an 11:00 AM Funeral Saturday, July 14, 2018 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2674 (734) 697-4500. The family greeted guests Saturday 10-11 AM. Pastor Ray Maurer officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to a local food bank and would be appreciated.

VBT holds second information meeting on Harold Smith farm site

By Robert Mytych

Independent Special Writer

At a July 10 meeting at township hall, Van Buren Township officials and the public came a little closer to knowing just who is the new tech firm that is proposing to occupy a secluded portion of the 75.57 acres that makes up the Harold Smith Farm, located on Michigan Avenue, just west of the Denton Cemetery.

The meeting was supposed to include the site plan for the potential development, but it wasn't disclosed in the opening statement, citing that it would be released once the land is purchased, which is all contingent on the rezoning, from single

family to light industrial.

The second reading for approval on the re-zoning was scheduled to be on the Township's Board of Trustees agenda at its meeting on July 17. Once approved, the developer is expected to seek preliminary site plan approval from the Township's planning commission on Aug. 8, at which time he would finally reveal the name of the new tech and research company that will be moving in.

The new company will bring around 30 jobs from another facility and create 100 new jobs during phase one of the development. Once completed, the

company would likely house around 200 employees.

A slideshow featuring the same overhead drawing of the property now showed a 70,000 square foot facility on two levels with a building height of 36 feet. A 400-foot buffer zone featuring trees and a 10-foot, tree covered, berm will be built along the property lines and facing neighboring residents.

The slideshow also showed a rendering of the building and how it would appear from various locations outside the property lines. The entrance to the facility will come

off of Michigan Avenue and include its own deceleration lane.

Harold Smith, who still lives on the property will remain on his homestead. The entire development will have its own detention pond which would be disbursed through the Wayne County drain system with no impact to the adjoining residential area. In fact, the new system will bring water over that would normally run naturally into the direction of nearby residences. The new facility will not be an autonomous testing facility, according to developers.

Lincoln Consolidated Schools bond proposal on August ballot

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, residents of the Lincoln Consolidated Schools district will be asked to vote on a zero-mill increase bond proposal in the amount of \$25 million for projects to include safety measures such as secure vestibules at every school building, security cameras district-wide, instructional technology in every classroom, playground improvements with security fencing, carpet replacement in school buildings, additional parking and lighting, athletic field updates, indoor training facility, and stadium fieldhouse to include additional restrooms and locker rooms.

The proposed bond is not projected to increase the debt levy over the current 7.35 mills. Over the past three years, Lincoln Consolidated Schools has refinanced the current debt levy resulting in a savings to taxpayers of approximately \$17 million and shortening the payback period.

Homeowners will not see an increase because the bond will be added to the end of the current debt which would be extended for an additional 5 years.

"Following the recent work on our Strategic Plan and feedback from our student safety forums earlier this year, our community has expressed a need to invest in our district to improve student safety and provide additional facilities for our families which will also attract the next generation of Lincoln students," said School Supt. Sean McNatt.

"With our location not tied to a downtown, we are the community center and the go-to location for student and family activities. This bond proposal allows us to provide

more opportunities to participate in the community, along with potential revenue generation from outside rentals while also improving overall campus safety."

The district will be hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 25, at 6 p.m. in the Lincoln Performing Arts Center located at 7425 Willis Road, Ypsilanti. The meeting will include a presentation of the bond details, the planned projects, and a Q&A session.



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Accomplishments as Clerk:

- Cost savings of the Sumpter Township municipal phone system resulting in an annual saving of \$12,000.
- Updated the Sumpter Township Business Licensing System to streamline processing and record-keeping.
- Helped facilitate the Sumpter Township Hall cable television system to allow for live broadcasts on the Community Service Channel.
- Currently communicating with Dollar General corporate to site a retail store in Sumpter.
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Mikayla Farris, Riley Klauza named to dean's list at Univ. of Findlay

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The Rotary Club of Belleville will once again be holding its Rubber Duck Race on Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Horizon Park, during the Taste of Belleville on High Street. Ducky tickets are \$5 each and five for \$20 and available from any Rotarian and also available at the event. First-place prize money is \$1,000, followed by \$250 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Only 1,100 rubber ducks will be launched. The proceeds from the event help fund community projects such as college scholarships, dictionary giveaways, the Coats for Kids program, and much more. To learn more about the Rotary, visit BellevilleRotary.org. The Taste of Belleville event will feature many local restaurants providing food samples. The evening will also feature a Music Lakeside concert.

The 72nd Wayne County Fair will take to the fairgrounds on Aug. 6-11, featuring rides, animals, food, and lots of fun. See their half-page ad in today's paper for the daily schedules. Track events include a mini horse pull on Aug. 7, night of destruction and demo derby on Aug. 8, Michigan Pony Dynamometer on Aug. 9, mud drag on Aug. 10, and mud bog on Aug. 11. A car show will also take place on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The carnival will run Tuesday through Saturday. To learn more, visit www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net.

Music Lakeside concerts continue tonight, Thursday, July 19, with The Yellow Room Gang from 7 to 9 pm. at Horizon Park. It's a group of eight singer-songwriters/musicians from all over Southeast Michigan. The concert will be moved across the street to the Belleville First United Methodist Church in case of bad weather. Admission is free.

The Ford Technology Tour returns to Atchinson Ford on Thursday, Aug. 26, from 5 to 9 p.m. Customers can sign up to experience and learn everything about

the latest technology in the newest cars and trucks. Topics include Sync, Applink, Synk3, plug-in hybrid technology, Ford Pass, Mykey, and other driver technologies. All customers who attend will receive a \$500 additional rebate good until Sept. 26. See their ad on the back page and visit www.fordtechartour.com/atchinsonford to register. Call (734) 697-9161.

The Belleville Community Band will be performing its second summer concert on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. Admission is free.

Congratulations to Melissa Daroci of Van Buren Township, the winner of a new bicycle recently given away in a drawing held at Armstrong Funland Ice Cream and Miniature Golf on Belleville Road.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will be holding their monthly pet adoption clinic this Saturday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westland Petco Pet Store on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

It's Neighborhood Bible Time July 23-27 at the Willis Baptist Church on Bunton Road in nearby Willis. The event will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is geared for children in 1st through 8th grades. Daily activities include competitions, games, prizes, singing, Bible stories, award ribbons and much more. Call for a ride at (734) 461-0352. Teens (9th through 12th graders) can attend Fortress Frenzy, from July 22-27. Call for details. Registration gets underway a half hour early each day.

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More Letters



The Rev. David Korlapati, his wife Havilah and their daughter Joanne Victoria

New pastor at Faith United Methodist

To the editor:

Exciting things are happening at Denton Faith United Methodist Church. On July 1, we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. David Korlapati and his wife Havilah, and young daughter Joanne Victoria, who answers to "Sweetie," for obvious reasons. She is adorable.

We are excited and happy to welcome Rev. David (as he likes to be called) to serve our church and preach the word of God. We wish to share this excitement with our friends both old and new. If you have not been to church recently or are looking for a new church home, please come visit us. You will find us friendly and welcoming and you will leave knowing God's message has been spoken to you.

Rev. David received his Bachelor of Commerce in Computer Science, Financial Management and Administration from Kakatiya University in Warangal, India in 2007. He pursued further studies at Osmania University and Graduate School in Hyderabad, India where he graduated with a Master in Business Administration (MBA) in 2009. In 2010, Pastor David came to the United States and enrolled in Moody Theological Seminary and Graduate School in Chicago, IL where he graduated with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS) in 2014.

Pastor David has worked as a chaplain

at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL; Pastoral Assistant at Crossroads Church of Hillside, IL and most recently at Friendship Church, Canton, MI, where he is responsible for planning and organizing of all outreach ministry events.

Pastor David is highly qualified and will be available for pastoral counseling, as well as to perform baptisms, weddings, funerals, and bereavement counseling, as needed.

Our Sunday morning worship services begin at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. We welcome you to come and worship with us.

Denton Faith United Methodist Church is located at 6020 Denton Road (corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road), Belleville, MI 48111. Church phone number is (734) 483-2276. Our website is: www.dentonfaithumc.org.

Please come join us.

Betty Fleming
Belleville

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To the editor,

On Friday, July 13, I purchased gas at Citgo on Main Street for \$2.78 (cash). Driving home on N. Service Drive and Belleville Road gas at Marathon and BP was \$3.05 (cash). Could the real reason be Main Street is not Van Buren Township?

Please do not think I am ignorant to the fact that all gas stations near the Expressways are always higher.

Kudos to Citgo on Main Street of Belleville. Please, patronize all businesses on Main Street, again, of Belleville.

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Best gives update on proposed drawdown of Belleville Lake in 2019

After announcing the cancellation of the July 18 meeting of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, Matthew Best, VBT Director of Public Services, gave a brief update on the proposed drawdown of Belleville Lake in 2019.

He said the meeting was cancelled after a discussion with Commission Chairman Richard Brownlee due to a lack of agenda.

Best said Chairman Brownlee said that the July meeting of the commission historically has been cancelled for members' summer vacations. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15.

As to Belleville Lake, Best said his

staff met with Eagle Creek, operator of the French Landing Dam, to discuss the drawdown and determine the necessary permits and coordination required for the drawdown.

A letter was sent to Eagle Creek requesting that Eagle Creek begin the process necessary to draw down the lake, which would include a safety review, permits, and approvals.

Best said, once confirmation is received that Eagle Creek is ready to move forward with permit applications and approvals, the item will be discussed by the VBT Board of Trustees for final approval.

He said at that time, the Environmental Commission, the Huron River Watershed Council and the Huron River Dam Network will be brought in to begin the planning process for volunteer and public information efforts.

Finally, Best said, the Coal Tar Brochure is ready to be mailed out to all residences in the township. Best said the mailing will be done in August, just in time for residents considering late summer sealcoating projects.

Another mailing will be done in the

spring of 2019, Best said.

The brochure originally was to be sent out with the spring water bill to give residents information on the new coal tar ordinance before sealcoating began for the season.

Instead, the township sent out a promotional flyer with pictures of the township board that promoted the township's low water rates and provided a chart with water rates of nearby communities.

This is the fourth time this year the monthly meeting of the Environmental Commission has been cancelled by Best.

Mobile Secretary of State office to visit WCCCD on July 26

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced that the Mobile Office will visit the Wayne County Community College District Ted Scott Campus on Thursday, July 26.

The office will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9995 Haggerty Road in Belleville and the public is welcome to stop by.

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Carnival 4p-10p
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Goat Show 6p
Senior Basket Raffle Results 7p
Mini Horse Pull 7p
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Wednesday, Aug 8

(Ladies Day - Basket Raffle)
Café 7a-8p
Rabbit/Cavy Show 8a
Horse Show 9a
Jr. Homemaker & Homemaker 1p
Miracle Of Life 2p-10p
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Dairy Show 5p
Beef Show 6p
Ladies Day Basket Raffle 7p
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Thursday, Aug 9

(Kid's Day)
Café 7a-8p
Goat Milking 9a
Horse Show 9a
Mini Pedal Tractors 12p-4p
Michigan Stiltwalker 12p-8p
Kid's Games (12 & Under) 1p-3p
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Crafters/Vendors 2p-10p
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Carnival 1p-10p
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To the cowards who send anonymous lies

To the editor:

Ronald Barrington Robinson a candidate for Sumpter township Treasurer. I've lived in this township for 21 years. I'm law-abiding, a college graduate in criminal justice and a family man.

I don't live in some broken-down trailer with no electric, water, with my family. If I live in a trailer on Martinville Road as these liars have stated, why then do I get all my mail at my \$100,000 home on Willis Road? There is no blight on my property on Martinsville Road. In fact, my trailer is new, with all the toys. I don't live in it, nor have I ever, nor have I ever thrown human waste on the ground as has been reported by some disreputable and disgusting Sumpter Township officials. If you want to lie about me, so be it. But when you bring my family in to your ugliness and pettiness and lies you're going to have a big problem. It's called Federal Court.

I live in a 4-bedroom \$100,000 home on Willis Road with my family and kids. I'm retired from the Michigan Dept of Corrections with 23 years service. I'm a past Vice-President with the Flint, Michigan Branch of the NAACP, an elected position.

I'm not some radical, but a man that believes in honesty, integrity, fiscal responsibility and the rule of law that is fair and just to everyone. I'm presently a Trustee with the Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club, an elected position. I've owned my own production company for 20 years that produces programming for a national company, and our products are seen world-wide by thousands. I'm a staunch Democrat. I don't switch back and forth like others to get a vote.

I will not be intimidated, bought or threatened by anyone. I don't care who you are. I'm not afraid to say who I am or place my name on my writings. Those that don't reveal themselves are cowards.

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Our founding fathers certainly didn't envision elected and non-elected persons taking over Sumpter Township, calling themselves citizens united that participates in lies and fake news to score personal, political points to enhance a dysfunctional government.

I still have a \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for poisoning and murdering my horse in 2016 during the primary race.

Ronald Barrington Robinson
Sumpter Township

Town hall on Nov. 6 redistricting ballot proposal set in Canton

Voters Not Politicians, a ballot committee to end gerrymandering of voting maps for political gain, will hold a town hall at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

The town hall will discuss problems caused by gerrymandering and a proposed solution for Michigan voters that is on the Nov. 6 ballot. Voters will consider an amendment to the state constitution to reform the process for redrawing congressional and state legislative district boundaries through an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

A town hall was held July 18 in Hamburg and another is set for Aug. 1 at the Northville District Library.

Using all volunteer petition circulators, the organization collected more than 425,000 signatures in 110 days to place the proposal on the November 2018 state ballot.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman

There was a roomful of Sumpter Township Fire Fighters present at the July 10 township board meeting to witness an accident victim, Tabitha Hardy, at left, and her parents, Lonnie and Sherrie Hardy of Canton, address the board. They thanked the fire fighters for cutting Tabitha from wreckage of her truck a year ago, saving her life. Fire Chief Joe Januszyk recalled Tabitha's truck hit a tree and other things and was in a ditch when she was freed.



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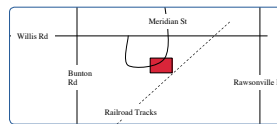
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Sumpter treasurer warns fire chief his job is in jeopardy

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke announced at the township's regular board meeting on July 10 that Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk had been an employee of the fire department for 41 years.

The audience broke out in applause.

Treasurer Peggy Morgan, who had served as the board's liaison to the fire and police departments in the past, invited Chief Januszyk to tell his story at the fire department.

Chief Januszyk said his dad and brother-in-law were fire fighters, plus a bunch of cousins. He said, fresh out of high school when he turned 18, he joined the fire department and he's been serving since then.

He said he took a little time off, but then got right back into it. He has been chief since 2012.

Treasurer Morgan said that his last contract was only for a year and at his six-month evaluation, Supervisor John Morgan and Trustee Don LaPorte, current board liaison to the department, gave Januszyk an excellent report.

Treasurer Morgan made a motion to extend Januszyk's contract to November 2020, the end of this present board's tenure, the way all the other contracts are written.

"This is a personnel matter," said Supervisor Morgan. "It's totally inappropriate to discuss this in public. I'm the supervisor."

"I am asking for a motion for extension of his contract. He has done an excellent job," Treasurer Morgan said, noting Januszyk had a full-time job when he first took on the chief's job. "You sent him to chief's school and he's taken on the responsibility."

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Whisler said he met with the city's building official, Rick Rutherford, and they discussed reasonable solutions. Whisler said Rutherford was confident with having the library being the certifying agent.

"We went ahead and printed eight sets of plans without the wording and delivered it to the city on Monday morning (July 9)," Whisler said, noting it was an extra expense, but they felt it was necessary.

He said O'Neal wants to start and there are materials on site now. The certification issue is the holdup.

There is no willingness to settle the issue and set up the meeting, Whisler said, adding perhaps Rutherford could set up the meeting and invite Hennessey to come.

"Did anyone reach out to the mayor?" asked board vice chairwoman Mary Jane Dawson, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Peters. "You need to contact the mayor."

Whisler said they met with the city manager two weeks earlier and showed her two alternative solutions. He said Rutherford very much wants to see this go ahead, but he is following the lead of the city engineer.

"If I had my way, I'd have him give them greater direction," Whisler said.

"Hennessey works for the city," said Dawson. "The city council doesn't know what's going on. They work for the city."

Building Committee Chairwoman Joy Cichewicz said the city engineers know their standards.

"This is a catchall," Whisler replied. "Everyone knows it complies. It does comply. It's a liability issue for our engineers. Our attorney said we should not do this."

"The engineer has been a little bit stubborn," Whisler said of Hennessey.

"If the preconstruction meeting doesn't happen, we have to stop," Dawson said.

Whisler said construction manager Matt Ratzow emailed him a few days ago saying one piece of equipment ran over a water line to the building and so they are repairing that.

"We opted to put eight sets in the hands of the city on Monday, until we can get a meeting scheduled," Whisler said.

"Rutherford and I reached an understanding today ... that removes the liability for us if the library takes responsibility. The library would have to make that change anyway if it was required in the future. It's part of building the building.

"We took what they gave us. What is the problem? It's hard to commit beyond," Whisler said.

"We've got to get everyone to play nice in the sandbox," Whisler said.

"We're losing time," said Juriga. "It's nice weather, dry."

Whisler said he thought the city council was informed since John Day spoke with its attorney.

Whisler reported that DTE closed down Main Street for an hour on July 5 by dropping lines across the roadway without telling anybody in advance, including the city, while working on removing the overhead lines in front of the library building site. That was not part of the plan DTE gave the library a year ago, he said. He said the AT&T and Comcast lines were still across the site and DTE has yet to move utility poles from the south side of the alley to the north side, which is an added frustration.

Whisler said there was a pre-bid meeting earlier that day for the rest of the building and an addendum was issued in response to code reviews by the city's planners.

"We have an issue with our curving staircase, which they say is too tight of a radius," Whisler said. It has been changed to an oval, spiraling, to comply with the code.

Whisler said he built similar stairs in a corporate building that was fine, but he won't argue and will revise the plan. He said the plan reviewer said that is the main stair and a *de facto* means of egress in an emergency.

He said there will be a subtle revision or a straight-run stair and Rutherford will make the call.

Whisler reported all the bids for library construction have gone out, including the asphalt, and the final bid-opening date is 1 p.m., July 25, and so by the end of the month they will know where they are budget-wise.

He said that meeting will be a long one because there will be a lot of bids to read through.

He said there is another application for payment from O'Neal Construction for digging the hole. Whisler said in August they

should start monthly Building Committee meetings for updates on construction and review of payments needed.

In other business at the July 10 meeting, the library board:

- Learned the steel bid was awarded to Steel Supply and Engineering and it was \$123,000 over budget, but, Cichewicz said, "We thought that was pretty good," since steel prices were in question because of tariffs;

- Heard Cichewicz say the law has changed and you don't have to hire at prevailing wage, so the library did not require that on bids;

- Approved a letter of understanding on the agreement with the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation for a grant of \$50,000.

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- Approved going out for proposals for an auditor, with a response date of Aug. 17. Suchy, in recommending the move, reported remaining with an auditor for a period of time can be helpful, since the auditor becomes familiar with the library's fiscal policies and structure. On the other hand, a new auditor would provide a fresh look at the financial statements; and

- Was informed the \$20,253.87 bill from the Wayne County Treasurer was because of a state property tax settlement with Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township.



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Court Watching:**Tamara Goins late for court date, gets it adjourned with tears**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On July 11, Tamra Jean Goins, 35, was scheduled at 9 a.m. for her preliminary exam at 34th District Court on charges of possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams; operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended.

The charges are from June 3, 2017 in Sumpter Township.

But, she didn't show up for court on time and so Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green

signed a warrant for her arrest. Sumpter Township Police Officer Joseph Balowski, summoned for the case, went back to his paternity leave. Her court-appointed attorney Robert Kinney said he didn't know where she was and went on with other cases.

Judge Green pointed out that Goins was in custody for her probable cause conference but then another jurisdiction released her.

At about 10:47 a.m., Goins showed up in tears telling Judge Green that her nephew has passed away that morning.

Judge Green cancelled the bench warrant, reset Goins' preliminary exam for July 18 before Judge David Parrott, and said she would make a note on the case asking Judge Parrott to verify there had been a

death. Goins was directed to bring proof with her when she came to court.

Jason Brock Cummings

Jason Brock Cummings, 32, was due for his preliminary exam, but had charges dismissed without prejudice, which means they could be refiled. He was charged with felony domestic abuse-3rd on Nov. 17 in Van Buren Township and was free after posting \$5,000/10% bond.

Judge Green told him to have no contact with his fiancé, who was the victim in the case. He said the previous two domestic violence cases were with his former wife in 2011 and 2016.

"You'd better fix the situation," Judge Green said to Cummings.

"I have to," he replied. "There are kids involved."

She said that usually drugs or alcohol are involved in domestic violence cases, but he said that was not the case here.

Michael James Lepine

Michael James Lepine, 31, was set for his preliminary exam on two counts of carrying a concealed weapon and misdemeanor counts of operating while intoxicated-2nd and failure to report accident to fixtures on Sept. 24 in VBT. He also had another misdemeanor written by Michigan State Police of operating while texting.

He waived his preliminary exam and one of his carrying a concealed weapon charges was dismissed. He is due at circuit court for the arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., July 27.

Paige Denise Carter

The charges against Paige Denise Carter, 27, were adjourned for two weeks to July 25 by Magistrate Lisa Martin. Carter had been due to hold her probable cause conference on charges of false pretenses, more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000; possession of a fraudulent financial transaction device; and forgery, alteration or counterfeit of a financial transaction device on March 21, 2016 in VBT. She had posted bond of \$5,000/10% at the Oakland County Jail.

Larry Joseph Guenther

Larry Joseph Guenther, 32, waived his preliminary exam on seven counts of second-degree home invasion on March 26 in VBT. He is due in circuit court on July 25.

On the first charge he was freed after paying \$5,000/10% bond and then the other six cases were \$10,000 personal

recognizance bond each.

Daniel Marcelino Hill

Daniel Marcelino Hill, 49, was lodged on charges of license document/plate forgery and operating while intoxicated on May 25, 2015 in the City of Belleville. He was lodged on \$5,000/10% bond.

He waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a July 18 arraignment on the information.

Kelly Nicole Mack

Kelly Nicole Mack, 40, was due for her probable cause conference on operating while intoxicated-3rd on Jan. 7 in the City of Belleville. She waived her upcoming preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound her over to circuit court for a July 25 arraignment on the information. She is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Joel Arthur Miller

Joel Arthur Miller, 36, had his case adjourned to July 25. He is charged with possession of a weapon by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and felony firearm on June 4 in the City of Belleville. He posted bond of \$3,000/10%.

Andrew Jonathan Reid

Andrew Jonathan Reid, 29, is charged with criminal sexual conduct-3rd degree (force or coercion) on April 22 in VBT and he was present for his probable cause conference. He will hold his preliminary exam on Aug. 8. His bond is set at \$10,000/10%.

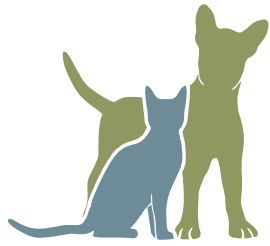
Matthew Ramiro Sanchez

Matthew Ramiro Sanchez, 34, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3rd in the City of Belleville on May 2. Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for a July 25 arraignment on the information. He is free after posting \$10,000/10% bond.

Robert John Sills, Jr.

Robert John Sills, Jr., 17, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 25.

He is charged with delivering / manufacturing of a controlled substance (non-narcotic, schedules 1, 2, and 3), creation/delivery of counterfeit controlled substance (non narcotic), delivery / manufacture of controlled substance (schedule 4) and creation/delivery of a counterfeit controlled substance (schedule 4) in the City of Belleville on June 8. He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

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City Council agrees to Pop-Up Storytime at Village Park on July 25

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

To move along with its plans to increase the use of Village Park, the Parks and Recreation Commission is teaming up with the Belleville Area District Library to present a Pop-Up Storytime in the park at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 25.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Commissioner Juli Balestrieri said the library's Children's Librarian Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough will tell stories and lead songs and Balestrieri will supervise the painting of rocks to hide around town.

"We are telling the families to bring a lunch to enjoy a picnic in the park after the event," Balestrieri said.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she will alert the Boys and Girls Club at Edgemont School to the event and they might like to join in.

The park is at 660 Savage Road next to Victoria Commons subdivision.

Balestrieri said the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is 4 p.m., Monday, July 23, and there is new leadership since Jeff Vernon, the former chairman, has moved out of town.

BACA Fish Project

The council then heard Ken Voigt of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and Music Lakeside ask for permission to display the 91 painted wooden fish that have been collected by the BACA Fish Project to put up, one or two at a time, on rerods stuck

into the ground behind the "Hands Held High" sculpture at Horizon Park.

He said the fish will be able to withstand the weather and they plan to leave them up until October.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria voiced concerns about the artistic fish because of the vandalism at the nearby kayak launch.

"If they get vandalized, they get vandalized," Voigt said.

When the location of the underground sprinkling system was mentioned, noting it could be damaged by the rerods, Building Official Rick Rutherford said that system hasn't worked in a long time.

Voigt showed samples of the fishes and reported a stained-glass fish donated by Diane Eissinger was so nice they sold it at auction at the recent soiree and it brought \$100 to put into the project.

Voigt said the fish were cut out of wood by Neil Griffin, who with his wife Thelma chairs the project, and people volunteered to decorate the fish.

The council unanimously approved placement of the fish in the park.

In other business at the 17-minute meeting on Monday, the council:

- Heard Rutherford report that he has been unable to consult with McDowell and Associates engineers on the changes seawall repair contractor E.C. Korneffel Co. wants to make in the contract because McDowell is on vacation. He said he couldn't set up a meeting with Korneffel because he has not been able to get McDowell's recommendation on the changes; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$185,660.46 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contractors, \$3,930 for the Fifth Street water main break and \$3,045 for the E. Huron River Drive water main break; to Wayne County Fire Mutual Aid, \$2,439.01 for annual dues; to Wise Technologies, \$806.23 for computers / phones (includes discounted purchases to replace a printer and monitor); to Farmer & Underwood, \$739.20 for fill for water main breaks; and to Robert Zokoe, \$675 for grave buy-back.

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"I do know what's going to happen and it's a sad, sad thing," she continued. "He's done everything he was asked to do."

"I do my best," Chief Januszyk said.

"I have made a motion to extend his contract to November 2020, the end of this board," Treasurer Morgan said.

Her motion was supported by Trustee Sheena Barnes.

"I'd like to have a little bit notice on this," said township attorney Rob Young. "I have no problem with Joe Januszyk. He's an at-will employee. I don't commit to memory all contracts."

Treasurer Morgan said since Januszyk has been chief he got one raise of \$1,000 and he gets \$25 per call. She said the fire fighters are taking online training that used to be free, but now the township is paying for online training.

"This board and the supervisor himself praised you," Treasurer Morgan said to Chief Januszyk.

"Unfortunately, because one board member got upset with you..." Treasurer Morgan said, obviously referring to Trustee Don LaPorte, who is also a fire

fighter and was written up by the chief for an infraction. Trustee LaPorte was absent from the July 10, meeting.

She said if the fire department "goes in another direction" that would mean Chief Januszyk's job.

"My thing is to change duties, raise his pay," said Clerk Esther Hurst, referring to his contract. She said it's not fair to him to just extend the present contract. "We need to talk to him."

"Never, ever, have I been here for the money," Chief Januszyk said. "I do it for them." He said he raised his family in the community and he knows many of the individuals.

Trustee Matthew Oddy suggested changing the motion to "consider" extending the contract and others seemed supportive. Treasurer Morgan withdrew her previous motion.

Trustee Oddy made a new motion, seconded by Clerk Hurst to take under consideration extending Chief Januszyk's contract and bring the proposed contract back to the board after discussion, possibly at the next meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

During the open-floor part of the meeting, an irritated Public Safety Director/

Chief Luke got up to say in his 24 years of police work, jibes have been thrown his way. He said he has nothing against Chief Januszyk, but when Treasurer Morgan said the fire department is upside down now, "In my world, training is a good thing. We're having the first open house ever, as long as I've been here, at the fire department."

"I work very hard in the public safety position. There are disgruntled people and I will win those people over, too, if they follow me. I don't know why you said that," he concluded.

Trustee Morgan said she would talk to Chief Luke about it later.

Luke was recently named public safety director, with a \$12,000 raise, and put in charge of the fire department and Chief Januszyk, in addition to the police department.

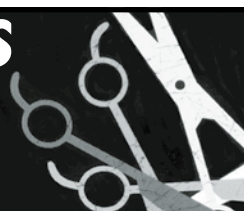
Treasurer Morgan's mention of the online classes referred to the free online fire training classes the fire fighters used to take when Januszyk was in charge, compared to

Luke's online fire fighter training that the township now pays for.

There was a roomful of fire fighters in dress uniform present to witness an accident victim, Tabitha Hardy, and her family addressing the board, thanking the fire fighters for cutting her from wreckage a year ago, saving her life.

But, before the discussion on Chief

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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Absent
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations	None
Council follow up list	

DPS Director Rick Rutherford stated the City is still in contract negotiations with Korneffel, who has stated that they now want to change the project scope. He will continue negotiations on both project scope and associated costs with the contractor and Geotech engineer until a satisfactory solution can be reached.

Citizen Comments	None
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4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve the City Council meeting minutes from June 18, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS	None
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES	- None
8. GENERAL BUSINESS	None
9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 18-065 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$1,300,790.53.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: July 16, 2018

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Leon Wright
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- Case 18-014:** A request by RA Chiesa Architects, for a special use approval to operate a drive thru restaurant at 10573 & 10551 Belleville Road (Parcel ID# V-125-83-059-01-0020-000 & V-125-83-059-01-0021-000).
- Case 18-019:** A request by US Signal Properties, LLC to rezone the property located at 9275 Haggerty Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-047-99-0007-701) from C-1 (General Business) to OT (Office Technology).
- Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:** A proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which adds "High Tech, Data Processing, and Computer Centers" as a permitted use in the M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, July 19 – EPA and MDEQ public meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall to discuss proposed new liner for Wayne Disposal landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive.
- Monday, July 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Tuesday, July 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30

p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 6 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.** at **Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan**, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2009 SATURN, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G8ZV57B29F222458

**DATE: JULY 16, 2018 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH: JULY 19, 2018 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
BY SHERRI SCHARE, CITY CLERK**

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On July 25, 2018, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne**, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2004	MAZDA	4D	JM1BK12F441183199	18-9479
2004	JEEP	SW	1J4GW48N04C379570	18-9962
2003	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JC52F937218579	18-10602
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WR521XYF218723	18-11311

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	FORD	SW	1FAFP10P9WW191955	18-9996
1997	GEO	4D	1Y1SK5281VZ409299	18-10220
1998	JEEP	4D	1JGZ48S8WC334327	18-10412
2002	MITZUBISHI	SW	JA4MW51RX2J067321	18-10412
1994	HONDA	4D	1HGCD5633RA124885	18-10412
2001	CHRYSLER	4D	3C8FY4BB01T603722	18-10412
1998	FORD	4D	1FAFP6639WK313996	18-12002
2004	CHRYSLER	SW	3C4FY58B44T335406	18-12002
2006	KIA	VA	KNDMB233266035013	18-12002
2011	LINCOLN	SW	3LNDL2L38BR756037	18-12002
2012	FORD	4D	3FAHP0JA6CR332041	18-12002

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC, Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: July 19, 2018

Sumpter Twp.

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Januszyk began, the fire fighters all quickly left together to answer a fire tone-out.

In other business at the July 10 meeting, the board:

- Approved sending out to auction the 2001 Ford E-350 Super Van for the Senior Center;
- Approved sending alternate delegate



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1.PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Absent

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations None

Council follow up list

DPS Director Rick Rutherford stated the City is still in contract negotiations with Korneffel and working with the Geotech engineer on the project scope.

Citizen Comments

Pastor White from Grace Baptist Church asked for clarification on parking at or near the Library during construction.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from June 4, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Grace Baptist Church – Street Closings for Annual Church Picnic

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 18-060 authorizing Grace Baptist Church’s request to close a portion of High Street to hold its annual picnic at Roys and High Streets on July 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Tax Rate Approval per Headlee Rollback

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-061 that establishes the 2018 tax rate of 16.7905 which includes the Headlee rollback as provided by Wayne County.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. FY 2017-18 Budget Amendments

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-062 authorizing amendments to the FY 2017-18 budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Belleville Area Museum – Letter of Support for Grant Assistance

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 18-063 that endorses a letter of support for the Belleville Area Museum to use for grant assistance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-064 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$151,192.12.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
Approved: July 2, 2018
Published: July 19, 2018

Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham and delegate Finance Director Scott Holtz, to the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) 72nd annual conference on Oct. 4-5 in Grand Rapids a cost not to exceed \$1,500, which was budgeted for this year. Holtz said this conference is a useful tool in learning new legislation that is coming for employers, as well as gathering information for soon-to-be

retirees about their pensions;

- Passed Resolution 2018-11 approving the Senior Alliance 2019 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services; and
- Approved on a 5-1 vote the emergency recommendation of Water and Sewer Superintendent Ken Kunka to award the bid for three air-conditioning units and three furnaces in the township hall to

Barry’s HVAC Service in the amount of \$18,718, one of three price quotes. Trustee Sheena Barnes voted no and Trustee Don LaPorte was absent. Holtz said the three ACs broke down and are not repairable and the three furnaces are 15 years old. He said he will research having the township’s mechanical system inspected yearly to avoid future issues. Money for the work will be transferred from the Landfill Royalty Fund.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 7, 2018

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, August 7, 2018.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

OFFICES TO BE VOTED:

STATE: State Governor. CONGRESSIONAL: U.S. State Senator, District Representative in Congress, LEGISLATIVE: State Senator, Representative in State Legislature. COUNTY: County Executive, County Commissioner. DELEGATE: Delegate to County Convention.

PROPOSAL: Lincoln Consolidated School District Bonding Proposal in the sum of Twenty-Five Million Dollars for building remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, a new filed house, new indoor training facility, instructional technology, school buses, playground, athletic fields and facilities.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

The County Treasurer’s Statement:

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of June 27, 2018 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County Michigan			
<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Years Increases Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021
<u>School Districts</u>			
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	November, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non homest)
	November, 2012	.1 mills	2018
Van Buren Public School District	November, 2016	18 mills	2024 (non homest)

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org . Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 7, 2018 Election is Saturday, August 4, 2018 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk’s office.

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Posted: 7-13-2018

Sumpter Township Board tiff continues at July 10 regular meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the July 10 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township board, Trustee Matthew Oddy again brought up the difference of opinion he has with Treasurer Peggy Morgan about his statements in submitting sealed bids to buy township property.

He said for the last eight weeks Treasurer Morgan and Trustee Sheena Barnes have “publically spewed” the statements that they had no knowledge he was bidding on

the township properties.

He said he abstained from the vote on the properties because he took part in the bidding.

“These two have been lying about what was said,” Trustee Oddy said.

He got out his laptop and played part of the recording of the Nov. 28 workshop meeting, holding his microphone up to his computer. Then, he played another part and held the microphone up again. Both recordings he played were very hard to hear or understand in the audience.

He said he clearly stated he was involved with the bidding and abstained because he took part in the bids.

He said Treasurer Morgan asked, “These are your bids?” and he said they were.

He called her recent statements “absolutely slanderous.”

“I never uttered those words,” Trustee Oddy said, apparently referring to the conversation in a restaurant that has been described by Treasurer Morgan and Trustee Barnes as Oddy bragging about

being a winning bidder on a property and them being surprised that he had bid.

He said he hopes the *Independent* exposes the two for what they have said.

At the July 10 meeting, an agitated Oddy waved his hands around and in a loud voice asked attorney Rob Young if he would make a comment.

“I don’t remember what was said six months ago,” Young replied, adding that listening to the recording (he was seated next to Oddy) he sees what he said then is consistent with what he’s said ever since that it was not a conflict of interest for Oddy to bid on the properties as long as he alerted the board to what he was doing and abstained from the vote on the properties.

Oddy said Treasurer Morgan asked two follow-up questions at the Nov. 28 meeting.

Trustee Barnes said Oddy is a liar in calling them liars.

“I have the tape,” Trustee Barnes said. “You said out of your mouth, ‘I took people around’ as the excuse for abstaining from the vote.

“I made many statements,” he said cutting into Barnes’ comments.

“They knew I bid on these properties ... I made an official statement why I was abstaining,” Oddy said.

Supervisor John Morgan cut off the argument to go on with the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, resident Mary Herring said two to three board members, have dissension among themselves and there is grandstanding, “much ado about nothing” and much ado about what was said.

“Let’s concentrate on important things,”

Herring said, noting that board members have bid on properties since 1969 when she moved into the township.

“I believe Mr. Oddy is an honest person and I’m disappointed in the others. Get over it already!” she said.

Resident Mary Ban said the Board Response part of the meeting was set up to allow board members to respond to previous questions that had been asked by members of the community not for “tirade and vendetta.”

Both Treasurer Morgan and Trustee Oddy later furnished the *Independent* with recordings of that Nov. 28 meeting. The *Independent* attended the regular meeting that night but was unable to attend the workshop session where Oddy made his statements.

After the July 10 meeting, the *Independent* asked Deputy Clerk Dawn Hadyniak, who takes the minutes of the meetings, why Oddy abstained from voting on three properties that were being sold and she said Oddy explained that he had taken people around to look at the properties.

On the recording of the workshop, Oddy said he will abstain from voting on the three properties because, “I was involved in bids on these properties.”

“One of his bids was accepted,” said attorney Young. “I don’t know which one.”

“I was involved in bids on those properties. That’s why I abstain,” Oddy said.

“Oh, you mean it’s your own?” Treasurer Morgan asked and Oddy replied, “Yes.”

Those were the only comments during the Nov. 28 meeting about why he abstained. During the vote on the property sales, Oddy seconded the motion to approve the sales and then announced he was abstaining from items E, K, and L.

At recent meetings, Treasurer Morgan said he never said right out that he was the one bidding on the properties and his name was not on the bid. The name of a real estate investment LLC, First Step, was on the bid. Oddy later said, along with him, other people participate in First Step.

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• Sumpter Township- Zoning Board of Appeals, Sumpter Township MMFLA Committee- Secretary
• University of Michigan, Ann Arbor- MS, Policy, EMU- BS, Urban Planning/ Business Administration

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Paid for by CTE Kenneth Bednark, 18295 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 479 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 8:
0319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
0403 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0444 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeanette
0447 – found property/child, Lighthouse Dr.
1222 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.
1301 – assist other dept., N. Cumberland R.
1401 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1525 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1722 – 911 welfare check, Hampton Dr.
1724 – 911 welfare check, Ironwood Dr.
1813 – juvenile complaint, Westlake Cir.
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
1913 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1939 – property check, Riggs Park
1943 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
1950 – sexual assault, Rawsonville Rd.
2108 – assist other dept., Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2143 – traffic offense, DNR Rawsonville
2210 – fireworks, North Shore Dr.
2218 – fireworks, Fairfield Dr./Andover Dr.
2223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy Rd. / Leon Dr.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
Monday, July 9:
0206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
0856 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1031 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1128 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1250 – ordinance violation, Madison Dr.
1302 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1307 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1441 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
1514 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1721 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1743 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
1917 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.
1928 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
1939 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
2048 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2127 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
Tuesday, July 10:
0008 – repossession, Ayres Ave.
0119 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sheldon
0119 – shooting, Jackson St./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0209 – assist other dept., Laguna Dr.
0326 – missing person, Denton Rd.
0455 – found property/child
0557 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0807 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0920 – hospice death, Oak Ln.
0929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.
1058 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
1200 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1233 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1237 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1407 – ordinance violation, Fillmore
1504 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1606 – property damage accident, Berkdale Dr.
1621 – malicious destruction of property, Hardwood Dr.
1645 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coolidge St.
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1734 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1938 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1950 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
2010 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2050 – larceny, Colony Ln.
2141 – disorderly, Rawsonville
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2237 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.

Wednesday, July 11:
0158 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0521 – 911 welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1012 – larceny, Oak Blvd.
1123 – ordinance violation, Patty Ln./Samantha Ave.
1204 – harassment call, Quirk Rd.
1204 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon Way
1232 – hospice death, E. Huron River Dr.
1312 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1555 – fraud, Hannan Rd.
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1729 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.
1900 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1909 – animal complaint, Hamilton St.
2034 – family trouble, Fret Rd.
2052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2109 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
2114 – mental subject, Daniel Dr.
2145 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2224 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
2237 – harassment call, Buchanan St.
2255 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.
Thursday, July 12:
0010 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Van Buren Park
0201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Ball Diamonds
0333 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0340 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0858 – disorderly, Freedoms Way
0915 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1258 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1416 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
1517 – traffic offense, Jackson St./Hayes St.
1518 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1535 – abandoned auto, Sadie Ln.
1605 – traffic offense, Van Buren St.
1646 – larceny from auto, Sumpter Rd.
1727 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2235 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2349 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2353 – road hazard, Morton Taylor/Van Born
Friday, July 13:
0033 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/Hannan
0407 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
0750 – animal complaint, E. Adams
0853 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0956 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1021 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
1032 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1053 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1131 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1135 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1146 – abandoned auto, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1240 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1324 – civil matter, Savage Rd.
1346 – trespassing, Hull Rd.
1616 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1629 – threat, Filmore St.
1742 – assist other dept., Ecorse/N I-275
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mida Dr.
2006 – all K9 call outs, Belleville/Ecorse
2045 – neighbor trouble, Willow Way
2132 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2351 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
Saturday, July 14:
0038 – suicidal person, Belle Pointe Dr.
0228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
0327 – larceny from auto, Sonrisa St.
0404 – larceny from auto, Peninsular Dr.
0414 – larceny from auto, Peninsular Dr.
0421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Denton
0913 – private property impound, Cape Condos
0931 – lost property/child, Rawsonville
1020 – shooting, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
1026 – civil matter, Dunkin Donuts
1045 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1055 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Heatherfield Blvd.
1122 – larceny from auto, Sonrisa St.

1158 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1246 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
1309 – suicidal person, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
1326 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1334 – larceny from auto, Linda Vista Ct.
1336 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1855 – property damage accident, Mott/Dellor
1921 – suicidal person, Outer Dr.
1959 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2238 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
2338 – civil matter, N. Bellridge Dr.
2356 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
Also on this week’s log are 157 traffic stops, 29 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 8:
0030 – suspicious person/vehicle, Huron River Dr.
0807 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1155 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1652 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1836 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
2055 – domestic, E. Thornhill Ct.
2102 – property damage accident, High St./Main
Monday, July 9:
1043 – court detail, 34th District Court
1308 – found property/child, Main St.
1652 – domestic, Edison Ave.
1706 – vehicle lock out, Menlo Park Dr.
2002 – warrant arrest, Liberty Farmington
2306 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.
Tuesday, July 10:
2110 – disorderly, Main St.
Wednesday, July 11:
0102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0800 – follow up by officer, St. Joe’s Hospital
1402 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1424 – threat, E. Columbia Ave.
1553 – assist other dept., Tyler
1710 – traffic offense, South St./Main St.
1849 – follow up by officer, Edison Ave.
2005 – repossession, Main St.
Thursday, July 12:
0257 – miscellaneous complaints, High/Church
0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1104 – warrant arrest, Bemis/Bak
1244 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1337 – welfare check, Third St.
1642 – fraud, Main St.
1651 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Av e.
1746 – follow up by officer, Parkwood
1811 – found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
1828 – harassment call, Clarence St.
1854 – miscellaneous complaint, Rawsonville
1902 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
2037 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
2055 – malicious destruction of property, E. Waterbury Ct.
Friday, July 13:
0942 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1506 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1615 – unattended death, S. Liberty St.
1638 – welfare check, Henry St.
1834 – disorderly, Wexford Ave./E. Huron River
2128 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2215 – domestic, High St.
2234 – fraud, Main St.
2235 – threat, Loza Ln.
Saturday, July 14:
0240 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
1145 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1257 – assist fire dept., Second St./Main St.
1447 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1526 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
1557 – follow up by officer, N. Liberty St.
2053 – traffic offense, High St./Main St.
2110 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
Also on this week’s log are 43 traffic stops.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 8:
0035 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0347 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1045 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1048 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1554 – threats complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1632 – warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln.
1928 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2057 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2226 – suspicious incident, California
2324 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Monday, July 9:
0123 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1027 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Harris
1216 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1419 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
2132 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2151 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis
2335 – disorderly person, California
Tuesday, July 10:
0041 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
0405 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0800 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0829 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1059 – harassment complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1206 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1344 – civil dispute, Sumpter/Judd
1432 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1531 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1634 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1730 – fire dept. assist, Utah
1758 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1814 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1829 – mental health commitment, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2057 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2207 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
2208 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2339 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
Wednesday, July 11:
0944 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1446 – animal bite, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1520 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1627 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
2152 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2234 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
2244 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
Thursday, July 12:
0023 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1402 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 – fire dept. assist, Iowa/California
2159 – dumping complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2217 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Bemis
2230 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
Friday, July 13:
0754 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0834 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0848 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1236 – fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1325 – well-being check, Edgewood Dr.
1551 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Bemis
1603 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1911 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
2041 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2113 – warrant arrest pick up, 45000 bl. Willis
Saturday, July 14:
1226 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis
1249 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1500 – trespassing complaint, 44000 bl. Willow
1514 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1538 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1643 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1733 – larceny, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1739 – larceny, Timberlane Dr.
1739 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1750 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis
1956 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2032 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
2115 – property damage accident, Willow / Haggerty
Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 64 patrol checks, and 39 traffic stops.

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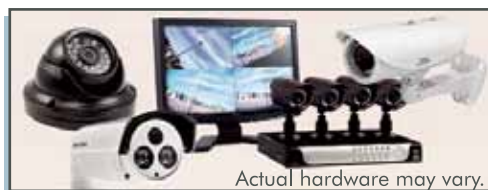
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Sumpter Plan

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planning consultant, who was absent.

Lasser advised Almaliky that the landscaping removed to hook up to utilities needs to be replaced and the location of the dumpster needs to be shown.

Former planning Commissioner Jay Bardell recommended, during the public hearing, that Almaliky visit nearby slaughterhouses in Milan, Manchester and Canton to study their procedures, since Almaliky said it was his first slaughterhouse venture.

"Dunbar's is as clean as an operating room," Bardell said, referring to the slaughterhouse in Milan. "You'll be impressed."

Almaliky said he wanted to get the approval first and then he would work with the USDA to get the details exactly right. He said they are very tough and he wants to do it their way. They will walk him through every step, he said.

He said he has employees downtown who are professional butchers and have gone to academies. They will do the slaughtering.

Almaliky said he owns a grocery store in Detroit, in the Southfield/Warren area, Barakah Poultry, where live chickens are brought in every morning from Indiana and they slaughter them and sell to customers.

Commissioner Rush said he visited the property on Bemis and the grass was high. Almaliky said he will cut the grass. He said

he has a tractor in the back to use. He said he owns another piece of property on Judd and Karr.

During the public hearing, Norm Debuck said he runs turf operations next door and animals getting out of the slaughterhouse pen could cause substantial damage. He wanted to make sure there would be a sturdy fence to keep in larger animals.

Wayne County begins work on Haggerty from Tyler to Ecorse in VBT

An asphalt resurfacing project has begun on Haggerty Road from Tyler to Ecorse Roads in Van Buren Township.

Wayne County said this involves 0.96 mile of hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing, concrete pavement repairs, ADA ramps, signing and pavement markings. The work was scheduled to begin July 16 and to be complete in November.

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- Distemper
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